

House Resolution No. 211

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Steve and Sally Butler of New Melle, Missouri, who will receive the Missouri Preservation Honor Award for rural historic rehabilitation during an awards ceremony to be held March 3, 2004, in the Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol; and

Whereas, Missouri Preservation, known formally as the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation, is Missouri's only statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities throughout the state; and

Whereas, Steve Butler's great grandfather had conducted business with a gentleman who owned a general store in New Melle back in the late 1800s and early 1900s; and

Whereas, one hundred years later, Steve Butler was given a wooden crate which carried the inscription "From Butler Brothers General Store in St. Louis; shipped via Wabash Railroad to Meyer General Store in New Melle", at which time he decided to restore the abandoned general store; and

Whereas, for thirteen months, Steve and Sally Butler researched historic restoration, seeking out local craftsmen and authentically replicating structural materials; and

Whereas, the vacant building, which was constructed in 1850 and had fallen into extreme disrepair, was nominated to and listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, after receiving financial assistance from the Missouri Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, Steve and Sally Butler were able to successfully restore a building that the New Melle community views as a local landmark:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Steve and Sally Butler at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them only the very best of success in all their future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Steve and Sally Butler, as a mark of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Threlkeld
District No. 109

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 211, adopted January 27, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker